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BY HAND

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on MariTEL, Inc.  
Request to Extend Construction Deadline for Certain VHF Public Coast  
Station Geographic Area Licenses;  
DA 03-1484;  
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation**

**Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on MariTEL, Inc.  
Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Use of Maritime VHF  
Channel 88;  
DA 03-2223;  
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation**

**In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Promote the Use  
of VHF Public Coast Station Frequencies;  
RM- 10743  
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The purpose of this letter, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") and the Public Notices in the above referenced proceedings dated June 7, 2003, July 9, 2003 and July 1, 2003, respectively, is to provide notice of an oral *ex parte* communication that occurred on September 29, 2003.

In particular, on that date, Dan Smith, president and CEO of MariTEL, Inc. ("MariTEL") and I met with Catherine Seidel, Shellie Blakeney, Scot Stone, Tim Maguire and James Schaffer, all of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Our meeting covered a range of issues of

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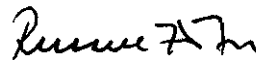
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interest to MariTEL. With respect to DA 03-1484, we noted that the recent actions of the United States Coast Guard ("USCG"), terminating discussions with MariTEL regarding the frequency assignments desired for use by the USCG pursuant to the provisions of Section 80.371 of the FCC's rules made it critical that the FCC act expeditiously to grant MariTEL's request. With respect to DA 03-2223 and RM 10743, we urged that the FCC take prompt action to resolve the issues raised in those proceedings.

Attached is a document circulated at the meeting, outlining the timeline of negotiations and other relevant events related to the USCG's and MariTEL's compliance with the provisions of Section 80.371 of the rules.

If there are any questions related to this matter, please contact me directly.

Cordially yours,



Russell H. Fox

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